

## Congressman Earl Blumenauer ■ Third District of Oregon

### BIKE PRIORITIES IN THE 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

#### EXPANDING BIKING AND WALKING

- **Bikeshare Transit Act (Blumenauer):** Makes bikeshare eligible for federal transit and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding.
- Transportation Alternatives Enhancement Act (Espaillat): Increases funding for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). In 2020, TAP was capped at \$850 million but this proposal would've increased funding to \$1.2 billion in 2020 and is estimated to be ~\$1.5 billion in 2022).
- Safe Routes to School Expansion Act (Brown): Expands Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) program to high schools, allows for SRTS projects to be funded at 100% federal funding, expands the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to include SRTS projects.
- Complete Streets Act (Cohen): Allows states to use 5% of their highway funds to create a Complete Streets grant program, requires state departments of transportation to create Complete Streets design standards.
- Performance measures for access to jobs and services, across all modes.
- Increased funding for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

#### IMPROVING SAFETY

- Vision Zero Act (Blumenauer): Defines Vision Zero plans as a local government plan to eliminate traffic deaths within 20 years and allows for federal funds to go toward developing and implementing the Vision Zero plans.
- SAFE Streets Act (Brownley): Requires states to use some of their Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds on vulnerable road user safety in areas with higher than average fatality rates.

#### **TAX INCENTIVES**

- **Bicycle Commuter Act (Blumenauer):** Reinstates the bicycle commuter benefit, amends the benefit to be a pre-tax benefit and able to be used with transit, increases the value of the benefit to 30% of the parking benefit (currently \$81/month), and expands the benefit to include bikeshare membership and electric bikes.
- **E-BIKE Act (Panetta-Blumenauer):** Creates a tax credit covering up to 30% (or \$1,500, whichever is less) for the purchase of an electric bicycle.



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• Railbanking Proposal (Thompson): Adds railbanking (an agreement between a railroad company and a trail agency to use an out-of-service rail corridor as a trail until a railroad might need the corridor again for rail service) as an eligible use for Build America Bonds.